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SUBJECT: DAVIGNON VIEWS ON OCTOBER 18-19 US-EC MEETING

1. DAVIGNON TOLD ME TONIGHT THAT HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF THE OCTOBER 18-19 MEETING BETWEEN THE NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESEL AND MR. SONNENFELDT. HE SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN OPEN EXCHANGE, THAT THE DISCUSSIONS HAD PROCEEDED IN A FRIENDLY MANNER, AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO

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EDGINESS ON EITHER SIDE. AS A RESULT, DAVIGNON THINKS THAT REAL

SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS WAS MADE ON SEVERAL ITEMS, EVEN THOUGH CERTAIN ISSUES OF COURSE REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED. HE WAS ESPECIALLY GRATIFIED THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY'S TALKS, IT WAS POSSIBLE TO HOLD A DRAFTING SESSION, AND HE THOUGHT THIS AUGURED WELL FOR THE FUTURE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MY REMARK THAT WE HAD TO MAINTAIN OPEN CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE US AND THE NINE DURING THE PROCESS OF EC DECISION-MAKING, DAVIGNON RESPONDED POSITIVELY, HE EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT, BASED ON THE PRECEDENT ESTABLISHED BY THE NEW YORK AND COPENHAGEN CONSULTATIONS, THE US AND THE NINE WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE USEFUL CONSULTATIONS ON SPECIFIC SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST. HE CAUTIONED THAT THE FRENCH ARE NOT READY TO ACCEPT NEW MACHINERY AS SUCH, BUT ADDED THAT THE FRENCH ARE PREPARED TO BLESS CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE NINE AND THE US IN THE FUTURE WHEN THE APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS OBTAIN. IN SHORT, DAVIGNON SAID, THE FRENCH SUSPICIONS ABOUT US MOTIVES (AND PERHAPS THE MOTIVES OF OTHERS) IN SEEKING SUCH CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLY ALLAYED. DAVIGNON VIEWS THIS AS A GREAT STEP FORWARD, AND HE BELIEVES THAT PUSHING THINGS TOO HARD WOULD ONLY SERVE TO REAWAKEN THOSE FRENCH SUSPICIONS. THEREFORE, HE SAID, "WE MUST CHOOSE WELL" THE FIRST POST-US/EC DECLARATION OCCASION FOR US/EC CONSULTATIONS.

3. I ASKED DAVIGNON WHETHER HE AND OTHERS HAD GIVEN ANY FURTHER THOUGHT TO A THIRD DOCUMENT, OR CHAPEAU, IN ORDER SOMEHOW TO DRAW TOGETHER THE EC/US AND NATO DECLARATIONS AND ASSOCIATE THE JAPANESE WITH THE CURRENT TRANS-ATLANTIC DIALOGUE. DAVIGNON SAID THAT HE SAW NO PARTICULAR OBJECTION TO DRAWING IN THE JAPANESE IN SOME APPROPRIATE WAY, BUT HE DOUBTED THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO ASSOCIATE THEM WITH DECLARATIONS FORMULATED TO SERVE PURPOSES NOT DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO JAPAN. IN HIS VIEW, IT WOULD BE FINE TO HAVE A SEPARATE DOCUMENT SIGNED BY THE NINE AND THE JAPANESE OR ALTERNATIVELY, TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS ON A DECLARATION TAKE PLACE IN A FORUM IN WHICH THE JAPANESE HAVE INTERESTS EQUIVALENT TO THOSE OF THE OTHER MEMBERS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE OECD. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DAVIGNON EXPRESSED SOME OF THOSE VIEWS TO STOESSEL AND SONNENFELDT AT LUNCH ON OCTOBER 18). STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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